It's our 2nd Anniversary!
Transient Mirage
WOULD LIKE TO THANK OUR
WONDERFUL STAFF WHO
MADE IT POSSIBLE!

TRANSIENT MIRAGE

IKOKU NO DOCTOR PART 5

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transient mirage
is recruiting
WELCOME
cleaners
translators
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WONDERLAND
PLEASE JOIN US!

blush
IT SEEMS LIKE YOU LEARNED THAT "TOP SECRET" IN THE MEDICAL SCHOOL.
smile
BREATHE.
YOU ARE LIKE A PUPPET.
I SHOULDN'T HAVE ANY WEIRD FEELINGS
THOUGH HE IS TOUCHING ME WITH HIS BEAUTIFUL FINGERS
thump
THIS
THIS IS JUST A MEDICAL EXAMINATION
thump
I AM INJURED
I SHOULD NOT HAVE ANY WEIRD THOUGHTS

DOES THAT HURT?
..YES .OW ..
AH... OWW!!
IT MUST BE
THE RIBS DO NOT HEAL THAT EASILY
SAME GOES WITH THE SPRAIN IN YOUR ANKLE YOU WOULD HAVE TO RELY ON THE CRUTCHES FOR A WHILE
WHAT DO YOU MEAN BY THE CRUTCHES ?
IN THIS MOUNTAINOUS VILLAGE...?
WELL I AM LOOKING FORWARD TO IT....
RIGHT?
SO WE WILL HELP YOU.
...WE?

SORRY MISS DANIELLE
IT WAS BECAUSE I JUMPED INTO THE ROAD
ANITA...
IT'S NOT BECAUSE OF YOU!
WOULD YOU COME HERE?
I AM GLAD THAT YOU ARE SAFE..
O...OW!
PLEASE DON'T OVER-WORK YOUR-SELF.

THE CAUSE OF THE ACCIDENT WAS THE DRIVER'S MISTAKE
HE WOULD GET SUED BUT THAT WOULD NOT SATISFY US
AN EMOTIONAL DAMAGE LIKE THIS AT HER EARLY AGE
MIGHT HAUNT HER FOREVER!
IT WAS NOT BECAUSE OF ANITA
IT WAS BECAUSE I DID NOT FOLLOW HER TO WHERE THE SIGNAL LIGHTS WERE.
COME TO OUR HOUSE!!
WE WILL TAKE CARE OF YOU UNTIL YOU REGAIN YOUR HEALTH!
OUR HOUSE IS REALLY NICE!
IT'S BY THE LAKE, IT HAS A BIG GARDEN, AND CALANDRIA'S FOOD ARE VERY DELICIOUS!
WHAT...?!
...SO YOU BECAME OURS.

!!
NO.. NO THANK YOU, I CAN TAKE CARE OF MYSELF.
I HAVE ALREADY TALKED TO YOUR HOTEL.
BY NOW, THE HOTEL SHOULD BE MOVING YOUR LUGGAGE TO OUR HOUSE.
DO YOU THINK YOU ARE ALWAYS RIGHT AND ALWAYS DO AS YOU PLEASE?
DOCTOR ROSSI?
YES, LIKE ALWAYS.
I WILL TAKE YOU TO MY HOUSE TONIGHT.
SINCE WE WILL BE LIVING TOGETHER, PLEASE DROP THE FORMALITIES,
AND CALL ME CARLO.

THIS IS DOCTOR ROSSI'S HOUSE ?
SO NICE...

THIS IS YOUR ROOM.

I PUT A SOFA IN YOUR ROOM THIS MORNING
WITH A SOFA, IT SHOULD BE EASIER FOR YOU TO STRETCH YOUR LEGS OUT
I HAVE ALSO PREPARED ENGLISH BOOKS FOR YOU TO READ
CD-309
CD PLAYER...
CALANDRIA BROUGHT IT HERE. I THINK SHE ALSO BROUGHT SOME OPERA CDS...
MY FATHER LIKES OPERA CDS...
I WILL TAKE THEM TO HIS HOSPITAL ROOM TOMORROW
I WAS THINKING THEY MIGHT HELP HIM TO REGAIN CONSCIOUSNESS..
THEN THE NURSES SHOULD BE ABLE TO PLAY THEM FOR HIM EVERYDAY

I AM GLAD THAT YOU CAME.
THAT IS ALL.
BLUSH
BUT LIKE I TOLD YOU, PLEASE CALL ME CARLO
ESPECIALLY BY A MAN THIS HANDSOME..
YOU ARE VERY KIND, DOCTOR ROSSI
AREN'T YOU POPULAR?
WOULDN'T HAVING ME HERE BOTHER YOUR DATES?
THIS IS THE FIRST TIME A MAN HAD TAKEN CARE OF ME SO KINDLY
WELCOME BACK DAD!
WELCOME MISS!
CARLO
blush
SHE IS HIDING HER INNOCENT AND NAIVE HEART..
BEHIND THIS STUBBORN ATTITUDE,
CA...

WA
WA
WAH-
STOP IT! DAD!
KYA
NICE TO SEE YOU AGAIN, ANITA.
HOW WAS YOUR DAY?
DANIELLE ?
FLINCH
WHY?
YOU WERE MAKING THAT FACE AT ANITA BEFORE...

NOTHING..
HUH..?
DANIELLE, YOU ARE SO SKINNY I WILL MAKE YOU HEALTHY LIKE A ROUND, FAT CHICKEN. YES?
THE DINNER IS READY!!
CLAP
CLAP
HEY EVERYONE! PLEASE WASH YOUR HANDS!
IF YOU DO, DAD WOULD BE SUR-PRISED.
THEN SHOULD I WEAR A DRESS?
WEEKEND DINNERS ARE ALWAYS SPECIAL
OKAY...

DANIELLE. I AM NOT GOING TO LET GO OF THIS.
WE WILL CONTINUE AFTER DINNER
EVEN RIGHT NOW, YOU ARE STUNNING.
thump
CHUCKLE
Gigglı
Gigglı
I WANT TO KNOW WHAT IS IN YOUR HEART.
THUMP

ARE YOU GOING TO TELL HIM...?
THAT YOU WERE NOT LOVED BY YOUR FATHER...?
NOTICED IT BEFORE...
CALANDRIA, IT'S VERY DELICIOUS.
BUT IT'S JUST THAT THERE IS TOO MUCH...
IF YOU REFUSE HER FOOD, YOU WOULD BE INSULTING TO HER.
YOU EAT AS LITTLE AS THE BIRDS DO!!
LIES!
IT'S BECAUSE YOUR STOMACH IS FILLED WITH WORRIES.
IF YOU DON'T LET THEM GO, YOU WON'T BECOME HEALTHY!

YEAH, RIGHT...
CARLO'S EYES ARE WANTING...
ME TO REVEAL MY EMOTIONS AND THOUGHTS...
THAT I DON'T NEED TO PRETEND ANYMORE
I...

ENVIOUS
YOUR AFFECTION TOWARD ANITA,
AND ANITA'S RESPECTING AND TRUSTING EYES TO YOU...
WAS ENVIOUS...
THERE ARE CHILDREN WHO GREW UP WITHOUT THEIR PARENT'S AFFECTION
ISN'T UNCONDITIONAL LOVE A PRIVILEGE OF CHILDREN?
CLINK
WERE YOU THAT KIND OF CHILD?
DANIELLE

... BUT, MY FATHER...
MY MOM HAD GIVEN ME MORE THAN ENOUGH LOVE
WERE YOU NOT CLOSE WITH ALLEN?
!!
WHEN SHE WAS IN ANITA'S AGE?
....MY FATHER LOVED MY MOM SO MUCH THAT I WAS AN OBSTACLE TO HIM
I WAS EIGHT WHEN MY MOM PASSED AWAY, AND HE TOLD ME
I DO NOT UNDERSTAND
WHY DID YOUR MOTHER HAD TO MAKE A PROMISE LIKE THAT TO HIM?
THAT HE WOULD TAKE CARE OF ME BECAUSE HE MADE A PROMISE WITH MY MOM...

HE TOLD ME THAT IF I WAS NOT THE DAUGHTER OF MY MOM
HE WOULD HAVE ABANDONED ME A LONG TIME AGO..
!!
DURING YOUR MOTHER'S FUNERAL..?!
HOW COULD HE SAY SUCH CRUEL THINGS TO HIS OWN DAUGHTER?
I TRIED TO GET ALONG WITH HIM.
HOW WAS YOUR RELATIONSHIP WITH ALLEN AFTER THAT?
A REPORT CARD WITH ALL A'S,
FOOD THAT HE LIKES
ARE YOU TRYING TO BEG FOR MY ATTENTION WITH THESE?! HOW UNSIGHTLY..!
BUT...

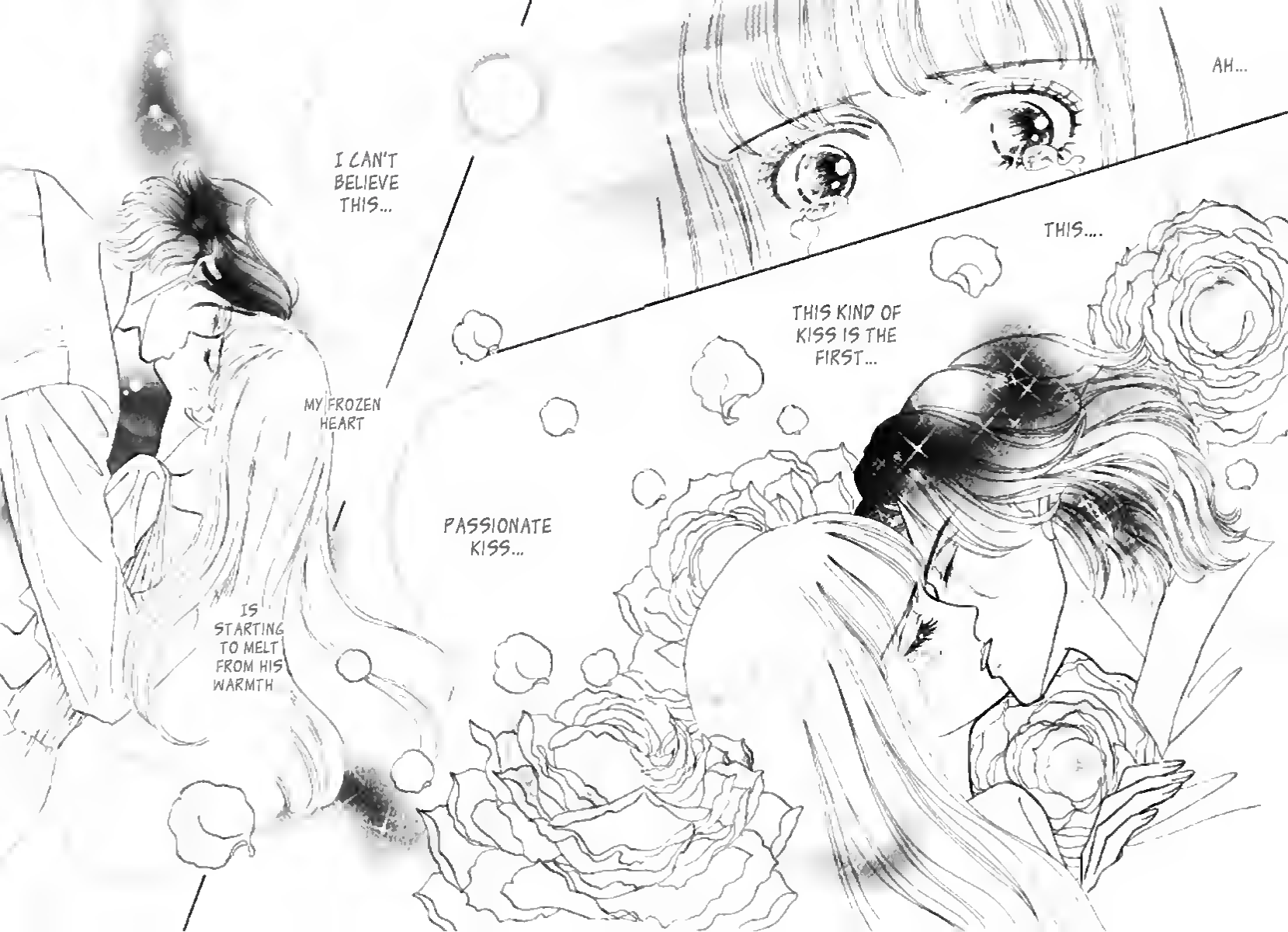
AFTER I GRADUATED FROM HIGH SCHOOL, FATHER SOLD HIS HOUSE AND MOVED.
A FAMILY OF ONLY TWO PEOPLE SEPARATED.
I HAVE BEEN LIVING ALONE SINCE
...IT'S A GOOD THING...
...YES
...THAT'S GOOD FOR YOU
IF YOU HAD CONTINUED TO LIVE WITH HIM, HE WOULD HAVE SURELY BROKEN YOUR HEART AND SOUL
DANIELLE STILL DEEPLY RESPECT AND LOVE HER FATHER
HOW IN THE WORLD...
AND WANTS HIS AFFECTION...!!

Thump
EVEN THOUGH I HAVE NOT FELT ANYTHING WITH TOM...
Thump
WHAT IS THIS FEELING...?
Thump
AH...
NO...

NO
IT CAN'T BE
CARLO ...?!
WHEN TOM LEFT ME, HE CLEARLY SAID IT
COULD IT BE THAT YOU ARE BEING ATTRACTED TO ME...?
BEING YOUR LOVER IS BORING.
YOU HAVE NO PASSION OR SEXUAL APPEAL.
I CANNOT RESTRAIN MY FEELINGS WHEN I AM WITH YOU...
SEEING YOUR SORROWFUL EYES AND CAPTIVATING LIPS
MAKES ME FORGET EVERY-THING.
ARE YOU MAD AT ME?
...I...
IT'S NOT LIKE THAT.
NO...

I DO NOT KNOW WHY HE IS SO KIND TO ME
BUT I SHOULD TELL HIM BEFORE ANYTHING HAPPENS...
THEN WHAT DO YOU WANT TO DO?
...I HAD A FIANCE.
BUT HALF A YEAR AGO, HE CHEATED ON ME AND MARRIED MY FRIEND..
I HAVE SAID IT...
HE IS PROBABLY NOT INTERESTED IN ME ANYMORE...
HE WOULD SAY THAT I AM A HEARTLESS PUPPET...
BECAUSE I...
BECAUSE...I WAS NOT PASSIONATE ENOUGH FOR HIM IN BED..
HOW COULD HE SAY SUCH THINGS TO A SENSITIVE WOMAN LIKE YOU..?
THAT CAN'T BE TRUE
WHAT...?!

!!
HE WAS JUST INCOMPETENT
TO BRING OUT YOUR TRUE EMOTIONS
I PITY HIM AND YOUR FRIEND...
A RELATIONSHIP STARTED WITH BETRAYAL WOULD ALWAYS MISERABLY END WITH DOUBTING EACH OTHER
THE SHINING AND PASSIONATE SMILE
YOU MAKE WHEN YOU TRULY OPEN YOUR HEART...
THAT IS THE REAL YOU..
A PERSON WITHOUT ANY PASSION
WOULD JUMP IN FRONT OF A TRUCK TO SAVE A CHILD THAT SHE BARELY KNOWS?


AH...
I CAN'T BELIEVE THIS...
THIS....
THIS KIND OF KISS IS THE FIRST...
MY FROZEN HEART
PASSIONATE KISS...
IS STARTING TO MELT FROM HIS WARMTH

I AM NOT AFRAID OF GETTING HURT ANYMORE
CARLO WOULD DEFINITELY RELEASE MY RETRAINED EMOTIONS
?

EVEN THOUGH YOU ARE INJURED...
...I APOLOGIZE...
THAT PICTURE...
IS THAT YOUR WIFE WHO PASSED AWAY...?
YES
Acne

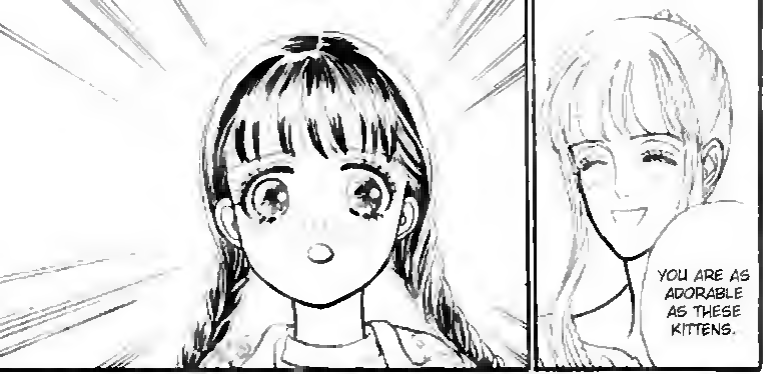
WHEN SHE NEEDED ME THE MOST...
I WAS IN ROME, WORKING LIKE NOTHING HAD HAPPENED..!!
KARINA DIED WHEN SHE WAS HIKING.
IF I WAS IN THE VILLAGE THAT TIME THEN I COULD HAVE SAVED HER...
Ache
I WANT TO GET OUT OF THIS PLACE AS SOON AS POSSIBLE
WE WERE LIVING IN ROME BECAUSE OF ME
KARINA CONSTANTLY MISSED HER HOME TOWN AND CAME BACK HERE OFTEN
I DO NOT WANT TO BE COMPARED WITH SUCH A BEAUTIFUL WOMAN LIKE HER.
Ache

CARLO !!
WE ARE ATTRACTED TO EACH OTHER .
BUT I HAVE MADE A PROMISE WITH MYSELF .
THE MOST PRECIOUS THINGS IN THE WORLD ARE ONLY ANITA AND WORK FOR ME
IF YOU ARE NEXT TO ME, I CAN'T HOLD MYSELF FROM WANTING TO TOUCH YOU...
!!
BECAUSE HE HAS HIS WIFE IN HIS HEART.
THERE IS NO ROOM FOR HIM TO LOVE ANYONE ELSE ?
SO ..
WE WILL BECOME LOVERS FROM NOW ON,
BUT THERE WILL BE AN END AT SOME POINT
NO WEDDING

AS I THOUGHT, I CANNOT BE LOVED BY ANYONE...!
HIS HEART WILL ALWAYS BELONG TO KARINA
PRECISELY.
EVEN THOUGH I HAVE FINALLY MET A PERSON WHO I WOULD WILLINGLY OPEN MY HEART TO
EVEN THOUGH SHE ALREADY PASSED AWAY...
KARINA HOLDS HIS HEART COMPLETELY...

...UNTIL YOU LEAVE ITALY,
I PROMISE THAT I WILL BE YOUR FAITHFUL LOVER.
THAT IS A RATHER FORTUNATE THING FOR ME...
I NEED TO GO BACK TO SEATTLE SOON,
AND I WILL NOT BE COMING TO ITALY EVER AGAIN.
!!
EVER AGAIN
DANIELLE
IT'S OKAY EVEN IF THIS IS ONLY FOR NOW
AS LONG AS YOU LOVE ME FOR RIGHT NOW

meow
WOW!
meow
meow
LOOK, LOOK!
DANIELLE!
RIGHT? THEY ARE SO CUTE!
OH MY ~! HOW ADORABLE!!


YOU ARE AS ADORABLE AS THESE KITTENS.

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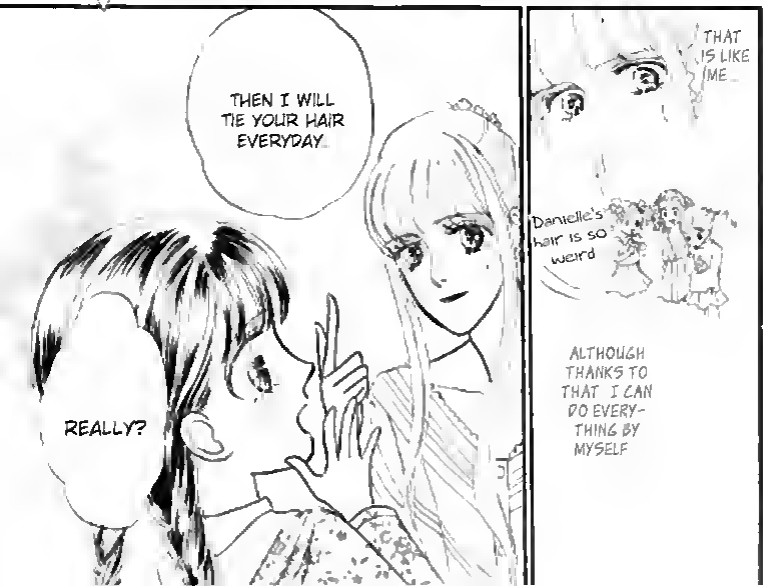
CALANDRIA IS BAD AT EVERYTHING BUT COOKING.
BUT, . BUT, ALL OF MY FRIENDS' MOTHERS TIE THEIR HAIR SO CUTELY. .


THEN I WILL TIE YOUR HAIR EVERYDAY.
REALLY?
THAT IS LIKE ME...
Danielle's hair is so weird
ALTHOUGH THANKS TO THAT I CAN DO EVERY-THING BY MYSELF

The work ended early today
I AM HOME.
DADDY! LOOK AT THIS!
DANIELLE TIED MY HAIR!
I CANNOT EVEN RECOGNIZE YOU
BECAUSE YOU LOOK SO CUTE!

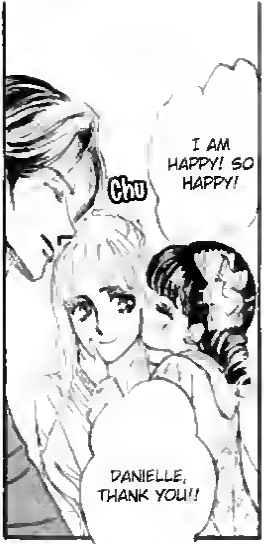
ALTHOUGH THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN CARLO AND I HAVE NOT PROGRESSED...

I AM HAPPY THAT A HANDSOME MAN LIKE HIM IS CARING ABOUT ME...

SO PEACEFUL...

THIS IS HEALING MY PAINFUL CHILD-HOOD DAYS.

THE HAPPINESS THAT I COULD NOT OBTAIN ANYWHERE ELSE IS RIGHT HERE...



AH...
MY FATHER...?
THERE IS A CHANGE IN YOUR FATHER'S CONDITION.
HE OPENED HIS EYES A FEW TIMES TODAY
BUT I AM NOT SURE HE WILL REGAIN HIS CONSCIOUSNESS
TALK TO HIM.
SHOW HIM THAT YOU ARE RIGHT NEXT HIM.
IT'S DANIELLE FATHER...
IT....
HOW ARE YOU FEELING?

!!
ASKING "HOW ARE YOU" TO A PERSON WHO IS BARELY SUSTAINING HIS LIFE WITH MACHINES?
I AM SCARED TO LOOK AT HIS EYES
!
CA...
CARLO...
WHY ARE YOU SO DUMB DANIELLE
FATHER, AS LONG AS YOU NEED ME, I WILL BE BY YOUR SIDE.
YOU CAN DO IT DANIELLE
MOM WOULD PROBABLY WANT THAT, TOO.
IT CAN BE ANYTHING. TALK TO HIM.

DO YOU REMEMBER...?
AH...
SHOULD I TALK ABOUT MOM...?
Flinch
I WONDER HOW LONELY DANIELLE'S CHILDHOOD WAS...
ALLEN BLEAK MISSED SO MUCH OF HIS HAPPINESS BY NOT TAKING CARE OF HIS ONLY DAUGHTER
SUCH A SAD ENCOUNTER...
DANIELLE
HE IS NOT RESPONDING ANYMORE...
LET'S TRY THIS AGAIN TOMORROW

ONLY IF I— WAS NOT A DOCTOR
I WOULD DEFINITELY EMBRACE HER SHAKING BODY...
UNTIL DANIELLE WALKED INTO MY LIFE. !
AFTER I LOST KARINA
I GAVE ALL MY LOVE TO ANITA
SO I CANNOT UNDER-STAND HIM...
BECAUSE MY DAUGHTER IS THE SINGLE MOST IMPORTANT PERSON TO ME THIS WORLD

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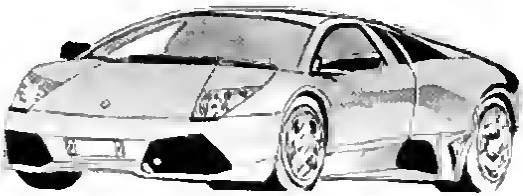
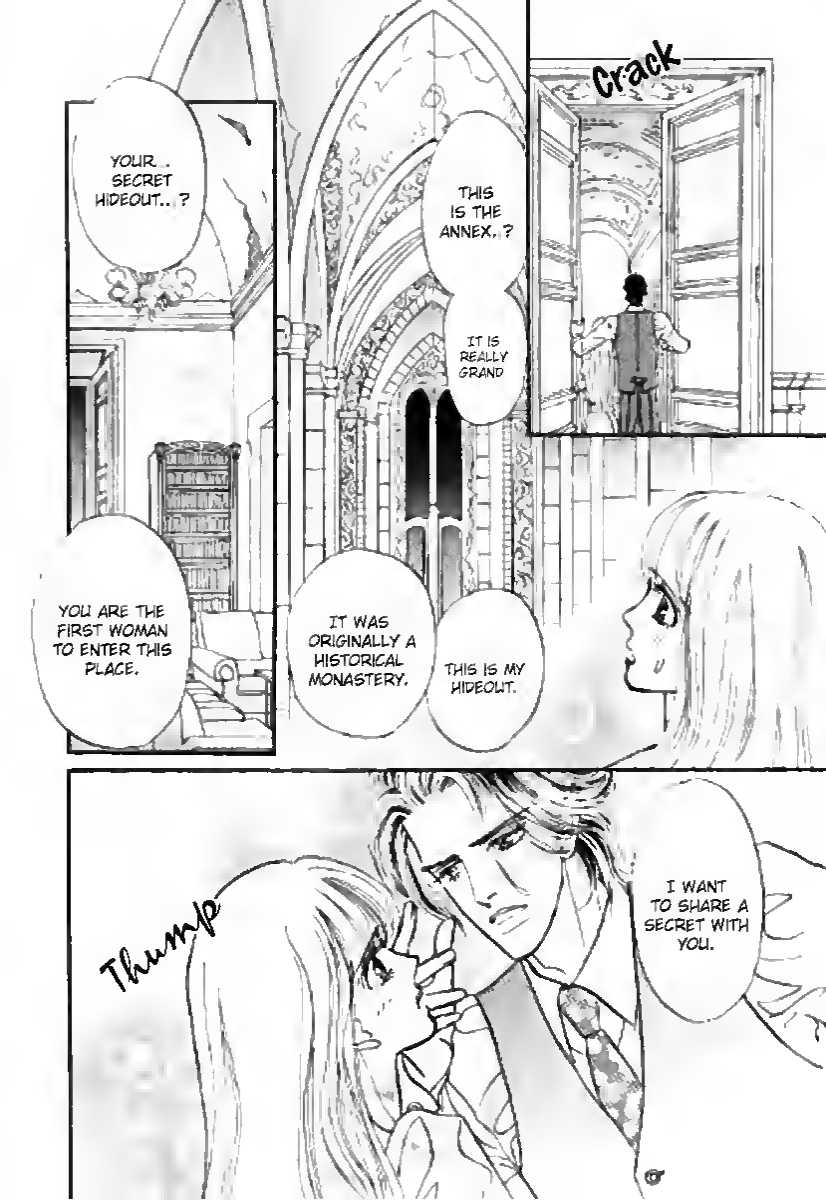


I NEED TO GET BACK TO THE HOSPITAL ONCE I DROP YOU OFF.
IT IS OKAY TO LEAVE WORK THIS EARLY?
thump
thump
thump
thump
BUT I SHOULD BE HOME BY TEN.
SINCE IT IS ALREADY TIME FOR ANITA'S SCHOOL END, SHOULD WE GO PICK HER UP?
WOULD YOU BE OKAY WITH THAT?
OF COURSE. WAS IT SAINT ELIZABETH PRIVATE SCHOOL?
KARINA ALSO GRADUATED FROM THAT SCHOOL.
IF SHE KNEW ANITA IS RECEIVING AN EXCELLENT EDUCATION FROM THERE, SHE WOULD DEFINITELY BE HAPPY.
YOU ARE TALKING AS IF KARINA IS ALIVE...
AND AS IF SHE IS THE LOVELIEST PERSON IN THIS WORLD...

MAYBE NEXT TIME. DANIELLE'S INJURY IS NOT COMPLETELY HEALED YET.
THEN YOU HAVE TO MEET HER AFTER YOU ARE HEALED
PLEASE COME TO MY CLASSROOM AND MEET MY TEACHER!! I TOLD HER A LOT ABOUT DANIELLE
DAD!!
DANIELLE!
Doctor Carlo
I FEEL LIKE I BECAME HER!
ONE OF MY FRIENDS HAS HER PARENTS TO COME PICK HER UP EVERY DAY.
THIS IS LIKE A DREAM!
PARENTS...

WOULD YOU LIKE TO COME TO MY STUDY AND HAVE A CUP OF DRINK?
DANIELLE
CARLO...
thump
HOLD ON A MOMENT LET ME CHANGE MY CLOTHES
THERE IS NO NEED TO CALANDRIA STARTED THE HEATER FOR US
BUT...
THIS IS LIKE I AM ONLY WEARING MY UNDER-WEARS...
YOU THINK I WOULD NOTICE THAT,
BELLA MIA?


Crack
THIS IS THE ANNEX..?
IT IS REALLY GRAND
YOUR.. SECRET HIDEOUT..?
THIS IS MY HIDEOUT.
IT WAS ORIGINALLY A HISTORICAL MONASTERY.
YOU ARE THE FIRST WOMAN TO ENTER THIS PLACE.
Thump
I WANT TO SHARE A SECRET WITH YOU.

HARLEQUIN